(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) A study was conducted by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR) in early 90s and sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) which was based on 3,200 sample respondents who were awarded Ph.D. degree. 95.6% of them were employed and 4.1.% were unemployed and 0.3% were not seeking employment.

(c) and (d) Department of Science and Technology has a Scheme "Opportunities for Young Scientists". Under this scheme, qualified scientists with Ph.D. or M.Tech. or M.D. degree and within the age of 35 years are encouraged to submit research proposals. This scheme encompasses broad areas of science and technology. The scheme "is available to both employed and unemployed young scientists. There is a provision in the scheme for salary payment to the unemployed young scientists for the duration of the project.

In addition, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is operating a Scientists Pool Scheme since 1958 which offers financial assistance to highly qualified unemployed scientistsfengineers' medical professionals by way of Senior Research Associateship for a period of upto three years. The scheme has supported 10229 highly qualified scientists till date. The scheme seeks to provide temporary placement to such scientists who are looking for regular appointment in Government or private sector.

National Register for Highly Qualified Scientists

1972. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry maintains any National Register for the highly qualified Scientists having Ph.D. and post doctoral qualifications and experience;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose of maintaining the National Register;

(c) whether those Scientists who are not gainfully employed are given any financial grants and/or technical and scientific assistance; and

(d) whether Government have also any plan to absorb such scientists in the Research and Development Wing under Government or Public Sector undertakings and utilise their talents and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Use of remote sensing data to prevent exploitation of biological wealth by MNCs

1973. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn out plans to use data received from